

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1.-102. (Canceled).

103. (Currently Amended) A method of inhibiting programmed cell death in a plant or yeast eukaryote, said method comprising:

administering to the plant or yeast eukaryote a bacterial effector protein which inhibits programmed cell death, wherein the protein comprises either: (1) the amino acid sequence of SEQ. ID. NO: 2; (2) the amino acid sequence spanning a C-terminus of SEQ. ID. NO: 2; or (3) the amino acid sequence spanning amino acids 308 and 553 of SEQ. ID. NO: 2.

104. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 103, wherein the protein comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ. ID. NO. ~~[[S]]: 2, 4, 6, or 8.~~

105.-106. (Canceled).

107. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 103, wherein the protein comprises the amino acid sequence spanning a C-terminus of SEQ. ID. NO ~~[[S]]: 2, 4, 6, or 8.~~

108. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 103, wherein the protein comprises the amino acid sequence spanning amino acids 308 and 553 of SEQ. ID. NO: 2.

109. (Canceled).

110. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 103, wherein the eukaryote is a plant.

111. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 103, wherein the eukaryote is a plant.